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**Cole, Smith, Lane,
Spink gunning
again for Hellas**



Gary Cole



Steve Smith



Warren Spink



Sean Lane

Giants lock horns



Tommy McCulloch of Marconi — set to join APIA.

McCulloch to APIA

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Charlie Egan



Doug Brown

Makedonia's sensational four-man attack takes on the might of NSL champion South Melbourne Hellas at Connor Reserve on Sunday, aiming to down Hellas for the third time in a month.

Gary Cole, all-time top scorer in NSL competitions, with a total of 111 goals, continues his battle with Sydney Hakoah's John Kosmina, who has edged up to 104. — but Kosmina will find the going tough against APIA at Lamerton Park on Sunday.

APIA star Arno Bertogna who is excelling in a new position, almost certainly will be joined in midfield by Tommy McCulloch of Marconi. As we went to Press, Marconi and APIA were negotiating a swap between McCulloch and transfer-listed APIA star Ian Gray.

Sydney Croatia, however, also was in the market for Gray, but it was doubtful whether Croatia would come up with the \$22,000 transfer fee.

Gray and McCulloch are Socceroos, the former boasting 11 games and the latter 10 games for Australia.

APIA also will be joined soon by Scottish midfielder Ian Hamilton who played for Newcastle KB United in 1982, and Peter Murphy, a Scottish striker from Azzurri of Perth.

APIA beat Hakoah twice last season and although Hakoah is flying high, APIA president Nick Papalia expects his team to win again. "We've got a great record against him, and we can beat them," he said.

In related transfers, APIA picked up centre backs Bertie Mariani from Marconi and Ian Rowden, the former Sydney Olympic and Western Suburbs player who had been out of the game for more than a year. Both were on free transfers.

Vince Caliguri, who scored twice in a 4-2 victory over Wollongong last Sunday, had to come off injured so he is doubtful for the Hakoah game.

But back to the clash of the super strikers at Connor Reserve.

Sean Lane, Steve Smith, Gary Cole, Warren Spink — that's the mighty Makedonia forward line.

All are expert scorers. All are enormously aggressive and creative.

In opposition, Hellas offers livewire Charlie Egan who scored twice against Green Gully in the opening round, and Doug Brown, NSL top scorer over the past two seasons but yet to strike form in 1985.

Can Hellas handle the Makedonia firing line?

Egan thinks so. "Makedonia may have four strikers, but that leaves them open in other areas, we'll exploit those areas, and we'll win," he said.

But Makedonia already has beaten Hellas twice this year, in the Buffalo Gold Cup and the National Cup. In both cases, the score was 1-0, with Con Opanis scoring in the night game and Smith in the National Cup.

If the game will be won by the team that takes the initiative quickly and forces the other out of stride and onto the defensive, Makedonia did so against Hellas last time.

Some at Makedonia believe that the midfield isn't as strong as Hellas's. This match will provide the ultimate test. Carl Halford, Gary McDowell and Ken Murphy played particularly well for Hellas in midfield against Green Gully but Zoran Jilosi is in sparkling form for Makedonia, and Gordon Flavell is as reliable as ever as the midfield anchor man.

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Walter Valeri

'Mitch' here March 22



David Mitchell

Socceroo striker David Mitchell has been granted a conditional clearance by Glasgow Rangers.

Mitchell was given the clearance on the understanding that should he return to the UK within the next two years, Rangers will ask a \$32,000 fee.

He has made a provisional booking to leave Scotland on March 18 and is expected to arrive in Australia to rejoin Adelaide City on March 22.

— ALLAN CRISP

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A MESSAGE FOR THE CHAMPS...

Angele's after Hellas' blood!

"The taste of blood is still in the mouth," says Joe Angele. "We feel we should have won the league last year and that final defeat against Hellas will stay fresh all this coming season as a spur for everyone at Heidelberg."

"That is why we're going to win the league this year — and we're going to win it convincingly."

One hell of a statement from a confident young man, especially since Joe Angele comes over as a bright academic who weighs every word.

Angele off the field is in complete contrast to the aggressive, hard-tackling and uncompromising stopper he has developed into in just over a year under coach Brian Garvey.

Angele is 23, doing his final year in architecture and combining a full-time job with his studies and soccer.

Angele is the older brother of Fawkner midfielder Fab as well as three other sports-mad young lads, one of whom already has represented Australia at tennis.

And Joe Angele no doubt will keep the stopper's position even if Don MacLeod and/or Arthur Xanthopoulos sign for Heidelberg this year.

But that is oversimplifying things and it's best to let Angele do the talking to understand what is behind that hulk which along with Charlie Yankos provides the most formidable defensive partnership in the National League.

About that final against Hellas last year: "That match is the highlight of my soccer career so far, even though we lost."

"The atmosphere of the big crowd and the fact that everything went right for me had something to do with it."

"But more than anything else it proved that we were back in gear at Heidelberg."

"We were thrashed by Juventus 5-1 almost two months before and losing by such a big margin hit us hard."

By PETER DESIRA

"It may have been the inexperience but we deserved a lot of time (Heidelberg took only three points from the remaining four matches) and I for one started getting funny thoughts in the back of my mind about ability."

"But getting to the final and being so much on top only to lose because we were a man short restored the confidence and that is why no matter what happens that match will always be a spur."

The confidence about Heidelberg does well comes from the atmosphere that exists at the club.

"It's kind of a big family where everyone gets on well with one another."

Even if the last dropped they understand the situation. We are a very young side who know our limitations and having experienced one season together have developed a unique understanding.

"Don MacLeod even now gives me a few hints to improve my game, which is a great thing when you consider that we are competing for the same position."

The possibility of either MacLeod or Xanthopoulos being Heidelberg squad members for 1985 is regarded as another spur by Angele.

"Right throughout my soccer career I have had to compete under pressure. I am not worried if either of them is there this year, I will only gear me up a lot more and make me work harder," he says.

Xanthopoulos has been training with Heidelberg in anticipation of getting a transfer from South Melbourne Hellas while MacLeod is haggling over a new contract with the club.

Angele sorted out contract hassles early, signing a new, two-year contract in December.

"At the end of the season there were stories we would be going to Juventus."

"I had phone calls from people connected from Juve and I wasn't too sure about the situation at Heidelberg because there was a lot of talk about the structure

of new contracts with no signing-on fees but with big bonuses for matches.

"But I must admit I am happy at Heidelberg because of the professional atmosphere that exists at the club."

Most of the atmosphere is generated by Garvey, who has left the biggest impression. Angele has an impressive list of coaches he has played under.

"Brian is very professional with the players. He impressed me because he understands what players go through.

"He has a great knowledge of the game and has the right personality."

"He is also a bit of a mystery to us — nobody knows him completely because although he will have a drink with the players he hasn't become one of the boys as has happened with other coaches in the past and none of us know all that much about him."

The coaches Angele has played under include Jack Reilly, Jimmy Rooney, Len McKendry and Manny Poulakakis while he was with Heidelberg's Second Division team and Ken Morton and Garvey at NSL level.

During his junior days, Fausto Tarquinio and Pat Della Rocca were his coaches at Juventus and he also played under Bill Curran and Rale Basic in the Victorian junior state teams.

At junior level, Fausto Tarquinio was the best coach I played under. He taught me a lot and had a similar professional attitude to Garvey."

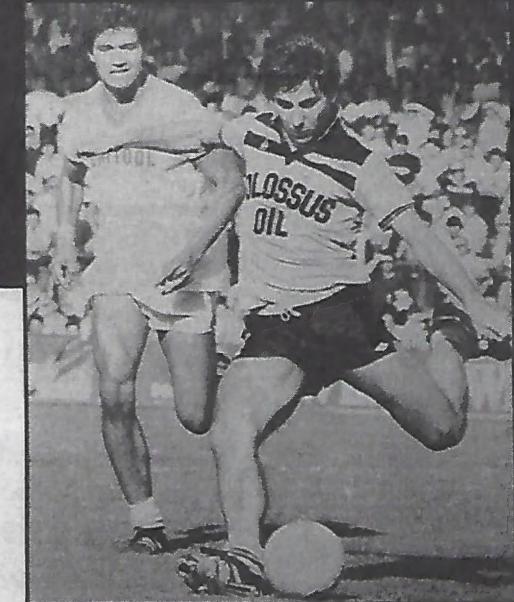
"In fact, Juve has always had really good junior coaches and it's a shame that Juventus does not pay enough attention to giving its upcoming young stars a go."

"If you go through players like Oscar Crino, Yankos and the like there is quite a number of us who had our start there."

Angele moved from Juventus to Heidelberg largely because of his studies.

"I was doing my HSC at the time and living in MacLeod, so Heidelberg suited me better than having to travel to the city three nights a week for training."

"I have been disappointed with the attitude of the Italian supporters who boo me



Heidelberg stopper Joe Angele prepares to shoot. Roddy Vasquez of Brisbane Lions is in pursuit.

Picture by LES SHORROCK.

every time we play Juventus because they feel I should be playing for them."

"Sure, I am Italian, but I don't look at it like that. I play for the love of the game and nationalities shouldn't come into it."

Studies still form a large part of Angele's life at the moment.

"I am already working as an architect although I have a year to go before I get my degree."

"I study at night at RMIT on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Brian Garvey has excused me from training on Tuesday nights as long as I do extra training on my own."

"I have two hours spare before classes and usually work out on the Olympic Park track mainly trying to improve my sprints."

Athletics formed a large part of Angele's sporting interest.

"I've always been sports-minded but did not get interested in soccer until our family went back to Italy for about two years when I was 13."

"For the first weeks in Rome I was kicking an Aussie Rules football around but that didn't last long with all the other kids playing soccer."

"We lived in a huge skyscraper and the games were always pretty involved — skyscraper against the next skyscraper I suppose would be the best way to describe them."

The interest remained once the family returned to Melbourne but it is only Angele and brother Fab stayed with the sport.

His 18 year old brother, Rob, is a tennis fanatic and has just come back from playing overseas while the younger twins are into hurdles and basketball.

"Fab had an ankle injury recently and I was disappointed at missing the chance of us two playing against each other for the first time in the Buffalo Gold Cup."

"I suppose it will come one day — we'll just have to forget brotherly love for those 90 minutes when it happens."

Both Angeles are — to put it lightly — students of the game and it is no surprise that Joe never has worked on weights.

"I've never touched them — I've basically built the muscles from beach runs."

ning and playing any sport from windsurfing to tennis and squash," he said.

Heidelberg gave Angele its improved player award last season.

But he looks at it as a frustrating year from one aspect.

"I was very surprised — and very pleased I must add — with the award, and it was even more significant when Brian (Garvey) came and sat down with me afterwards and told me he was happy with the way I played last year."

"But it was also a very frustrating season in that I was unable to settle into the one position."

"I practically played in every spot bar gookeeper through the year and that stopped me from developing any consistency."

"This year I have been slotted in at stopper, the position in which I'm most comfortable, and I have already worked out a good understanding with Charlie Yankos during the Buffalo Gold Cup and the NSL Cup games."

"In one way, I suppose it was good to get the experience in the different spots because it helps to get a grasp of all the different positions."

Of the two, Yankos is the one with the opportunity present itself.

"I am naturally defensive-minded and when I do go forward the cover defence is always in the back of my mind."

"I'm still waiting to score my first goal, for Heidelberg. That's my next target and it will come eventually, I suppose," he adds with a somewhat sly grin.

What would be really nice is for Angele to score that goal in the final of the NSL championship play-offs — the winner for Heidelberg of course!

• Personal details: Joe Angele — born February 11, 1962 in Melbourne. Represented Victoria at U13s, U14s, U15s, U18s, U19s. Member of Victorian Youth team which won the National Youth championship 1979. Has played in NSL tournaments for Heidelberg 1983-84. Member of Buffalo Cup winning team Feb 85. Winner of most improved player award at Heidelberg 1984.

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• Oscar Crino — like Angele he got his start at Juventus.



NSL magazine

• The NSL in an effort to public relations image, has launched two initiatives.

A monthly magazine, rather unimaginatively titled 'NSL News' will hit the newsstands on April 1.

A 32-page colour production, it will be modelled on England's popular "Shoot" magazine, and is aimed at capturing an audience in the 12 to 16 age groups.

In the meantime the NSL also has engaged the services of public relations company Jarratt Communications Pty Ltd for a period of 15 weeks, with the placing of features with the media as the main

ISRAEL BETTER: AROK

The Socceroos will be away from the hustle and bustle of Tel Aviv when they visit Israel for a vital world cup elimination match on October 8.

Final choice for the Aussies' "Home Away From Home" is likely to be a comfortable hotel, which is outside the Metropolis, but only 15 minutes' drive from the stadium. This was indicated by coach Frank Arok who returned from a flying visit of five days to Israel.

He inspected three hotels before narrowing the available choices down to one.

Arok considered his hurried visit, which took in the friendly international between Israel and Ireland — drawn 0-0 — extremely worthwhile, if somewhat exhausting.

"While originally I was going to fly over and see the match between Spain and Scotland — one of which is likely to play against the winner of our sub-group for a place in the 1986 finals — the trip to Tel Aviv was more important," he said.

"There is plenty of information available about European teams, but everything I saw in Tel Aviv was new to us and there is a lot to learn from it."

The Socceroos described the Israeli national team as having a similar style to that which we saw from the youth side in Sydney recently.

"They are a better team than we are at the moment," said Arok.

"They play skilful soccer, with slow, methodical build-ups, trying to surprise with sudden changes of tempo. We will have a way to counter these tactics, at least I know what kind of game they have and I have an idea now of what we will have to do to beat them. We will have to use a different style against them and utilize some of the things we learned on our tour of Europe."

"The Israel team is very skilful and displayed good understanding and teamwork, but I believe we can beat them."

— PETER SCOTT



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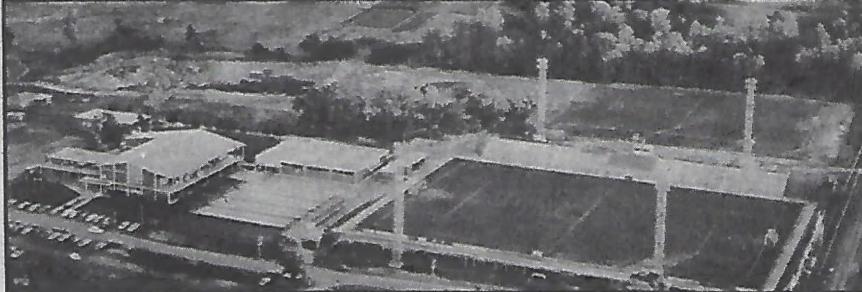
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Marconi used to pack them in. Will the crowds return in 1985?



The impressive Marconi complex at Bossley Park, with its floodlit ground, and social club (left).



Lee Sterry of Sydney Croatia — a possible Marconi recruit.

Rats have the instinct of leaving sinking ships; not for them the celluloid role of a captain going down grimly, saluting. Of course, Marconi is anything but a sinking ship and no player deserves the unflattering comparison with rats. Yet the fact remains that quite a few of the club's stars have left or are in the process of leaving.

Few clubs anywhere in Australia — certainly none in Sydney — can match the soccer splendour of Club Marconi: the compactness of its properties and facilities, on a modest scale, remind you of the set-up of such mighty examples as Real Madrid, River Plate and others.

As you approach Fairfield and Bossley Park on the western fringes of Sydney, the first thing to hit the stadium and clubhouse is the more impressive the new subdivision looks: a trifile over ornate brick palazzos with big terraces or balconies, Spanish hacienda-type villas, with lots of grotesque garden gnomes or white marble lions guarding the entrance, like many modern-day Cerberuses.

This is a new, well-heeled little Italy with all the trimmings of their hardened wealth, the kind they could only dream of 'back home.'

On Sunday, the large, well-appointed clubhouse is the large, well-people, the vast majority of them Italian from neighbouring towns and streets.

The main hall is packed, mainly with men playing cards; at the far end rows of tingling, ringing, moaning poker machines. Then the restaurant, the canteen and coffee shop all packed.

Outside the picture is equally bright. Just behind the main stadium's grandstand, whose dark-green, rich turf is without a single blemish, they have two full size, fully grassed, well-kept training grounds with goals, lines, the lot.

Nearby are some tennis courts and a large barbecue area; outside the clubhouse a huge car parking lot with attendants.

Marconi, it seems, has everything: the perfect set-up to create and run a highly successful soccer organisation, perennially vying for top honours, a sort of Inter Milan or Juventus in the bush. They have what we used to say was needed to make a go of soccer in this country, all in one spot, all club owned and managed, damn the interfering councils.

And yet there are no signs of a returning boom. Marconi has been caught up in the overall football decline — the trees are clear here and overseas, almost everywhere except, paradoxically, in Italy.

The crowds of yesterday in the 5,000s and more, have melted down to depressing levels at times counted in paity hundreds. With that vanished the old exuberance and excitement. The once stirring, buzzing terraces are half empty and eerily quiet.

Perhaps it would have helped had Marconi had a brilliant, title-winning team in recent years, but it didn't. The downhill slalom began after 1980, with the departure of Les Scheinfug. In 1981 Marconi escaped relegation narrowly and since then any serious revival has eluded the club under successive coaches.

To make it worse, Marconi fans cannot really expect any big improvement in 1985.

MARCONI

'The once stirring, buzzing terraces are half empty and eerily quiet'



By
ANDREW
DETTER

restaurant. Bozanic could be had for about \$10,000 or less.

John Spanos, signed from Heidelberg less than two seasons ago, finds it hard to train three nights a week at Marconi in the eastern suburbs, learning the tricks of the "rag trade" from Todd Clarke.

Bozanic and Spanos both were training with Sydney Hakoah.

Then there is the mystery of young Tommy McCulloch.

"He told me repeatedly he won't play for Marconi again," says Les. "I don't know the reason. He's not even training with us."

So Tommy is out and on transfer for \$30,000 though the club's phone hasn't been rung hot with callers.

Bertie Mariani, that versatile near-veteran and son of club president Cossimo, has gone back to APIA, on a free transfer.

René Licata, son of a committee man, is also on the move. Although APIA turned him down, Penrith is interested. It seems to be perilous to have a Marconi executive for a father...

Carbone, Budini, Bozanic, Spanos, McCulloch, Mariani, Licata — quite a litany of woes. To counter-balance it there is new chum Peter Tredinnick, an absolute bargain at \$10,000 from APIA, an amazing and continued omission from the Socceroo squad.

There could be others. Croatia's Lee Sterry ex-Melita goalie Alex McPherson could join while Marconi has had bad luck with APIA's restless starlet, Ian Gray.

But will these be sufficient to lift Marconi's fortunes in 1985? Frankly, Marconi was most unimpressive in its NSL Cup match against Brisbane City: a disjointed, disorganized and idea-poor performance.

Highly-rated players often promoted towards Socceroo squad membership by their admirers, Rod Brown and David Lowe, were disappointing though Lowe's mouth infection must be a valid excuse. Mark Jankovics, as so often in the past, looked cumbersome; his lack of refined skills is forgiven only if he gets among the goals. Craig Mason looked the part with his commanding presence but didn't quite deliver.

Young fullbacks Paul Carter and Joe Rizzotto ought to have matured by now to realize that those aimlessly flighted 40-metre balls towards the goalmouth are pointless and merely prove that they are lacking in combinative skills.

Then there is Peter Sharne, a spent rocket or comet or whatever other sobriquet the Boulevard press had once invented



Marconi's long-serving utility player Bertie Mariani, who has joined APIA.

for him. Without his old speed and zest, he is like an ageing beauty queen hitting 50.

Sure, all of these players can and will play a lot better. Of course, Tony Henderson, will make a big difference to the defence provided he doesn't earn too many suspensions through a suspect temper.

But will all that be enough? The few bright signs on the horizon include that reliable goalie Bruce James, the arrival of Tredinnick, that talented youngster of German ancestry, Martin Driene and the near certainty that the Brown-Lowe partnership will produce a modest crop of goals.

Another positive sign is that the club is financially stable.

"Marconi has no worries," says Scheinfug. "But the club doesn't want to overspend on soccer and for 1985 has given us only \$30,000. The rest we must produce from gates, sponsorship and functions."

Scheinfug's assistants read like an impressive who's who: Ron Corry and Alan Maher work with the various youth and junior teams while Mike Urakalo is Les' assistant. Urakalo, a qualified PT instructor, is now working for the Federal Department of Sport as a liaison officer with — of all things — the Judo Federation...

Marconi really has everything: it should be one of the happiest and most successful of our clubs. Instead, it is bracing itself for more player departures, more upheavals, more disappointing results.

Somehow, one feels, Marconi's problems are typical of soccer problems; what's happened to this great club has also happened to Australian soccer.

I don't know when, if ever, a revival is due. But I do know that Marconi will be at the forefront of it.



Marconi's John Spanos — training with Sydney City Hakoah, along with Vic Bozanic.

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Selemidis clears up photo phobia

• Heidelberg Alexander captain Theo Selemidis wants to set the record straight about his reticence in having a team photo taken before the Buffalo Gold Cup final two weeks ago.

"Soccer Action" photographer Les Sharroff approached Selemidis just before the kick-off to get a team photo of Heidelberg.

"We had come out onto the field a bit late and when Les approached me our lads were spread out all over one half of the pitch and this lad was in the middle preparing to start the match," said Selemidis.

"Another photographer, Des Papp, had managed to get a quick snap of us but when Les approached me it just wasn't possible. It was a pretty nervous occasion for us, having lost so many finals, and I didn't fancy the idea of shouting to all the lads to come together for a photo when they were so keyed up."

"It's not that we're bad sports or superstitious or anything like that, it's just that there wasn't time and interrupting the players preparing for this big game wouldn't have been right, as far as I was concerned."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Biskic, Curcio back, Cannell, Young too

From page one

Sunday's NSL matches, with likely winners in capitals:

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Sunshine-George Cross v. MELBOURNE CROATIA at Chaplin 3pm, referee: B. Ujhohn.
B.U. Juventus v. GREEN GULLY at Olympic Park No. 2, 3pm, referee: C. Bambridge. **PRESTON MAKEDONIA v. Sth Melb Hellas** at Connor Reserve, 3pm, referee: S. Melings.
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v. Footscray J.U.S.T. at Olympic Village, 3pm, referee: J. Pokorni.
BRISBANE LIONS v. West Adelaide Hellas at Richlands, 3pm, referee: D. Nugent.
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS v. Brisbane City at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm, referee: J. Rossit.

NORTHERN DIVISION

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS v. Penrith at Hawker Oval, 3pm, referee: G. Davies.
Wollongong v. SYDNEY CROATIA at Wollongong Showgrounds, 3pm, referee: T. Saucy.
MARCONI v. Newcastle-Rosebud at Marconi Stadium, 3pm, referee: R. Lorenc.
St George Budapest v. SYDNEY OLYMPIC at St. George Stadium, 3pm, referee: T. Davies.
BLACKTOWN v. Inter Monaro at Gabbie Stadium, 3pm, referee: A. Owens.
APIA-Leichhardt v. SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Lambert Park, 3pm, referee: G. Power.

masterful in his 200th match last week and Gary Price from Adelaide Croatia scored in his NSL debut, but West Adelaide Hellas looks like being on the receiving end in the sauna bath conditions of Brisbane.

If things go as expected, John and Russell Stewart will dominate the midfield, setting up enough chances for the strikers to keep Lions well on target for a place in the finals.

AC-Juventus v. Brisb City

Olympic Sports Field

Adelaide Juventus will be much better at home than it was in losing 0-3 to Croatia in Melbourne, so it should be able to break down Brisbane City which will no doubt build a brick wall in front of its goal.

Juricic, however, must beware of pushing too many men forward. Marconi did so two weeks ago, and was beaten by Frank Mengotti's goal.

St George v. Syd. Olympic
St George Stadium

St George Budapest is awaiting the arrival of a First Division player from Yugoslavia and Rob O'Shea is set to resume after recovering from a broken leg.

In the meantime, however, I'm afraid Budapest is doomed to defeat against the Bouzouki brigade of Chris Kalantzi, Peter Katholos, Peter Raskopoulos, Nick Theodorakopoulos and Marshall Superstition.

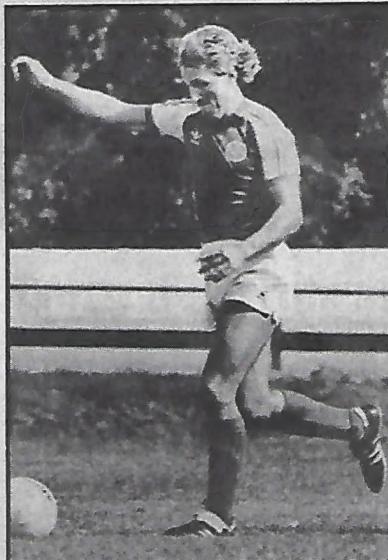
Wollongong v. Syd. Croatia
Wollongong Showgrounds

These two teams contributed five of the 20 goals scored in the Northern Division last Sunday, yet neither won!

Wollongong is showing admirable spunk and quite a bit of flair from Alex Bandalos, Dominic Giannone and Bernie Godzik, but no-one will disagree that Sydney Croatia has a lot more talent, flair and scoring possibilities and should win quite comfortably.

Can. Olympians v. Penrith
Hawker Oval

The Olympians' easy



Gary Ward — joined Melbourne Croatia from BU Juventus.



SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MELBOURNE CROATIA	1	0	3	0	2	
BRISBANE LIONS	1	0	2	0	2	
STH MELB HELLAS	1	0	3	2	2	
PREST. MAKEDONIA	1	0	2	1	2	
W. ADEL. HELLAS	1	0	2	1	2	
H'berg-Alexander	0	1	0	0	1	
Sun.-Geo.Cross	0	1	0	0	1	
Green Gully	0	0	1	2	0	
Footscray JUST	0	1	1	2	0	
BU-Juventus	0	0	1	2	0	
Brisbane City	0	0	1	0	2	
Adel. City Juventus	0	0	1	0	3	0

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CANBERRA OLYMPIANS	1	0	3	0	2	
APIA-LEICHARDT	1	0	4	2	2	
SYD. CITY HAKOAH	1	0	3	1	2	
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	1	0	1	0	2	
MARCONI	0	1	0	3	1	
Sydney Croatia	0	1	0	3	1	
St. Geo. Budapest	0	0	0	0	1	
Penrith	0	1	0	0	1	
Newc.-Rosebud	0	0	1	2	0	
Wollongong	0	0	1	2	0	
Blacktown	0	0	1	1	3	0
Inter-Monaro	0	0	1	0	3	0

Team of the Week

DENYS (Green Gully)	BENNETT (C.Geo Cross)	HANNAH (Melb Croatia)
JACKSON (Brisb. Lions)	HONEYMAN (WA-Hellas)	SENKALSKI (Newc.-Rosebud)
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	EGAN (SM-Hellas)	KOSMINA (SC-Hakoah)
		COLE (Makedonia)

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NORTHERN DIVISION

APIA-LEICHARDT 4 (Caliguri 2nd & 14th, Willis own goal 55th, Genovese 80th). **WOLLONGONG 2** (Bundalo 56th, Giannone 73rd) at Lambert Park. Crowd about 850. Ratings by Andrew Detre:

APIA: Catlin 5 — Spine 5, Brown 5, Mariani 6, Rowden 5 — Bertogno 7, Colaguri 7 (Genovese 46min, Casciago 89min), Butler 6 — Caban 4, D Cegla 5, Morsello 4. Coach: Phil Bottalico.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 5 — Green 5, Matias 4, Hristovski 6, Dickson 5 — Kerr 5 (Bronki 56min), Godzik 6, Bundalo 6, Willis 6 — Kotamanidis 5, Giannone 5. Coach: Adrian Alston.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Bertogno (APIA), 5. Colaguri (APIA), 4. Bundalo (WI), 3. Hristovski 2, Godzik (WI), 1. Butler (APIA).

HAKOAH 3 (Kosmina 15, 85, Barnes 23) **BLACK-TOWN CITY 1** (Knight 35) at Wentworth Park. Crowd: 1200. Ratings by Peter Scott:

HAKOAH: Clarke 7-Cant 7, Tann 7, O'Connor 7, De Marigny 7-Gomez 8, Watson 7, Barnes 7-Fairfax 7, Kosmina 8, Lee 7 (Fitter 71st), Coach: Eddie Thompson.

BLACK-TOWN: O'Hearn 6, Stuckler 6, Rasmussen 6, Wheatey 7, Bourke 6-night 7, Selvage 7 (Hornopatz 75th), Thorthwaite 6-Phil O'Connor 7, Bradley 6, Larkin 6, Coach: Casey de Bruijn.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6-Kosmina, 5-Gomez (Both Hakoah), 4-Selvage, 3. P. O'Connor/B'Town, 2 Watson, 1 De Marigny (Hakoah).

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 3 (English 36th, Sermanni 50th, Perinovic 86) **0 MONARO 0** at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan. Crowd: 2,100. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA: Franken 7-Mihailidis 7, Burke 7, Harkins 7, Jones 7-Sermanni 8, Byrne 7, Bryant 9-Gibson 7 (Ontong 87th), Perinovic 7, English 8. Coach: Roy Thompson.

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PENRITH CITY 0 ST GEORGE 0 at Cook Park. Crowd: 398. Ratings by Alex Vesci:

PENRITH CITY: Gibson 9-Brogan 7, Ainsworth 8, McIntosh 8, Webb 6, Carbone 6, Toohey 6, Shute 87th) Hunter 6, Eastshore 6, Licata 6, Coach: Willie Wallace.

ST GEORGE: Greedy 8-Skeen 7, Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 8, Kocak 7-Barton 6, J. O'Shea 6, Stoen 6, Barton 5 Cotton 6, Petkovski 6 (Maton 46th), Slater 6, Coach: Frank Arok.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Gibson (p), 5. Ratcliffe (St. G), 4. McIntosh (p), 3. M. O'Shea (St G), 2. Ainsworth (p), 1. Greedy (St G).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: about 2,500. Ratings by Ken Kontra:

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 8 — Sceri 6, Richardson 7, Bennett 8, Campells 7 — McLaren 7, Faulkner 7, Istuk 7 (Bain 75th) — Mitten 5, Gilder 7, Latif 8. Coach: John Gardiner.

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MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Danevick 54th, House 60th, Antolovic 75th) **ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 0** at Olympic Park No. 2. Crowd: about 1,500. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie:

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Govic 7 — Juricic 7, Parton 7, Antolovic 8, Hargan 8 — Dancovic 8, Campbell 7, Tropic 80th), Cristaldo 8, Cumming 7 — House 7, Ward 7, Coach: Mirion Bleiberg (caretaker).

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS: McNally 6 — Donnelly 5, Flounders 7, Nyskohus 7, Maxwell 7 — Vilani 6, Melta 6, Santans 6 (Cecere 60th), Northcote 6 — Mullen 6 (Vidmar 83rd), Costanzo 6. Coach: Edmund Kret.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Danevick (MC), 5. Cristaldo (MC), 4. Hannah (MC), 3. Antolovic (MC), 2. Nyskohus (AJ), 1. Flounders (AJ).

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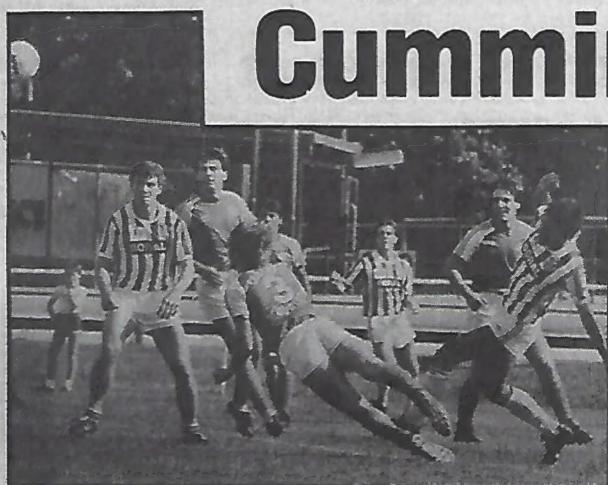
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Adelaide City Juventus, from left Northcote, Santrac, Costanzo, McNally, Flounders, Villani, Vidmar. Front: Meita, Donnelly, Mullen, B. Nyskohus, Cecere, Maxwell. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Cumming is off the transfer list



Shaun Parton (No.3) of Croatia clears with a diving header. Others, from left: Adrian Santrac, Jim Campbell, Jozo Antolovic (rear), Joe Mullen, George Hannah, and Costanzo of Adelaide Juventus.

What happened to mighty Heidelberg?

George Cross 0
Heidelberg 0

Venue: Chaplin Reserve
Crowd: 2500
Yellow card: Patterson
90th.
Referee: Sam Zoumas 9.

On paper, this match was expected to be a mere formality, with in-form Heidelberg picking up two points from its less fancied opponent.

As it turned out however, George Cross performed much better than expected, and Heidelberg was unable to reproduce its Buffalo Cup form.

There was considerable doubt about the structure of the George Cross team, due to disputes with several players, including Gerry Bennett, Roger Bain, Chris Taylor and Bobby Toal. Last minute agreements were reached with all except Toal, and with the inclusion of new signings, Lou Kastner, Carl Gilder, Noel Mitten and Ivan Istuk, coach John Gardiner was able to field a team of some quality.

As Gardiner said before the match, this new-looking George Cross team will take time to settle down, but already it looked better organised and disciplined than last season's bottom-of-the-league outfit.

Perhaps the presence of experienced goalkeeper Kastner made the biggest difference. In addition to a number of fine saves, his confident and calm attitude spread to his fellow defenders and as a consequence, the Heidelberg forwards, with the exception of hard-running Stewart Stevenson, could make little impression.

Steve Winn was well contained by Steve Richardson and Steve Tasiros, very much down on the form displayed during the night competition, was



Ken Kontra

Man of the match:
LOU KASTNER
(Geo. Cross)

easy prey for John Campbell.

The other promising Heidelberg youngster, John Metaxas, also had a poor game, and his substitution by Scott Patterson late in the game, came as no surprise.

While George Cross was able to contain it, it lacked cohesion and penetration in the forward line. Ossie Latif tried hard, and with his aggressive running created a few problems for the Heidelberg back-four. Gilder was consistently winning the ball against Joe Angele, particularly in the second half, and the necessary close support to be really effective. Mitten contributed little.

The Battle in Midfield was fair. Even so, neither side being able to gain control to the extent of turning the game in its favour. They say that matches are won or lost in the middle of the park, and with honours even in this department, the final result was a fair reflection or proceedings.

Here are some of the highlights!

In the 10th minute, Istuk lost the ball and Stevenson ran through, but his shot found the side netting.

In the 18th minute, Latif's powerful shot was charged down just inside the penalty area.

In the 20th minute, Mike Valentine's corner was firmly headed down by Theo Semelidis but Kastner's brilliant reflex save kept the score sheet clean.

In the 32nd minute, Latif ran into the penalty

area following a through ball. Jeff Oliver uncharacteristically missed the ball, but the defence scrambled clear before Latif could turn and gain possession.

Just before half time, Kastner was tested by Winn and a few minutes later by Metaxas, but the George Cross custodian served well on both occasions.

Seven minutes into the second half, Steve Marley's intended cross curled in unexpectedly, and Kastner did well to tip over the bar at the far post.

In the 62nd minute Heidelberg put the best of the two teams together, the final pass releasing Stevenson on the left. He pulled the ball back, beating Kastner, but there was nobody in position to provide the finishing touch.

Halfway through the 2nd half, Don McLaren and Jeff Faulkner tried shots from almost identical positions 25 metres from goal, missing the top corner of the goal by inches on both occasions.

In the closing minutes, shots by Istuk and two goalkeepers from both teams were saved by Kastner.

Heidelberg can, and no doubt, will play better than on this occasion, and for the long suffering George Cross supporters, there finally appears to be light at the end of the tunnel.

Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey believes he still needs more depth in the squad.

Melb. Croatia 3
Ad. Juventus 0

SCORERS: Deankovic 54th,

House 60th Antolovic 75th.

VENUE: Olympic Park No.2.

Crowd: about 1,500.

Caption: Govic (MC).

Referee: Stuart Melling 7.

Peace at Croatia! Tommy Cumming is off the transfer list and the Buffalo Gold Cup final seems a long, long way away. And once Tony Curcio, Steve Gojevic, Aki Kotzamichalis and Josip Biskic all are back in action new coach Damogaj Kapetanovic, if ever he arrives, has enough quality and depth in his squad to get Croatia into the finals.

Imagining what will happen if Kapetanovic can talk starlet Robert Markovic into staying, that would give Croatia the option of getting new \$6,500 signing from Juventus Gary Ward, along with Greg House, Markovac and either Tommy Curcio and Steve Gojevic up front.

There's been a lot of talk in the Press recently about pre-season kickabouts and possible Green Gully using four up front (I always thought that when you had possession and went forward a 4-4-2 formation takes on a 4-4-2 look anyway) and Croatia certainly has this opportunity too to trick us all into thinking that a new ultra-modern attacking system is being used.

There's still no definite news on the date of Kapetanovic's arrival (one Croatia fan told me that perhaps Kapetanovic had decided to walk to Australia).

Ward looked sharp enough early, but didn't contribute a lot towards the end of the game. Maybe the debilitating effect of the heat took its toll because he hadn't played a serious game for a few weeks.

Josip Biskic was out suspended but Croatia lost no drive down its right flank by pushing Drago Deankovic into a wide midfield berth on that side and Deankovic was the springboard for countless Croatia attacks.

Victor Cristaldo had been used wide on the left in Croatia's midfield four throughout the Buffalo Gold Cup. He played in a central midfield role alongside Jim Campbell, who was superb. Campbell showed more than just a glimpse of his old self, so much so that when caretaker coach Miron Bleiburg took Campbell off with 10 minutes to go, the Croatia fans applauded the former Heidelberg star. And that only can spell trouble for Croatia's opponents. And a welcome change for Campbell.

And what of Adelaide Juventus?

It looked great on the ball in patches in the first half. In fact one tremendous interpassing movement involved at least a dozen passes and ended with Charlie Villani shooting over.

But Juventus goes back, then forward, then back or square the ball again, and fails to do so many opponents behind the ball when it counts. Forced into long range attempts, Juventus rarely troubled Croatia keeper Zeljko Govic.

With Croatia leading 3-0, Juventus created its clearest cut chance but after chesting



Ricky Rosso

Man of the match:
Wayne Evans
(Brisb Lions)

Scorer: Cairney 75th, Anderson 79th.

Venue: Spencer Park.

Crowd: 1885.

Cautions: BC — Milovanovic (BC), Hunger (BL), R. Stewart (BL).

Referee: Bill Monteverde 8.

Three missed penalties capped an horrific start to the season for Queensland's two clubs, Brisbane City and Lions.

The performance, probably an NSL match record,

highlighted a poor performance from both teams and indicated a lot of work is ahead for the two sides if they hope to compete with Melbourne clubs this year.

The players who earned their first black mark of the season were Luciano Fabrizio and Billy Wilkinson (City) and Alan Niven (Lions).

Fabrizio, who was selected to take City's first kick



in the 16th minute after he had excelled in a penalty taking competition during training, was the worst offender. His shot flew metres wide of the goal.

Wilkinson and Niven, possibly hesitant because of earlier misses, abandoned their power style and went for safety-first, but their well-placed shots were far too soft and saved by the respective keepers.

Following the gutsy 1-0 Cup win over Marconi, City started like a rocket and had Lions on the run.

But it was a 16 minute tackle from behind by Roddy Vasquez on Peter Carey that brought the success-starved City supporters to their feet as referee Bill Monteverde pointed to the spot.

It was Mike Milovanovic who felled Jim McDonagh for Lions for Lions on the run. Niven failed though.

When Vasquez brought down Carey again 11 minutes later, Billy Wilkinson, playing his 122nd match for the club, got the nod to take the kick, but he too passed his shot and Evans scooped it up.

Lions finally took the lead after a terrible piece of bumbling by Fabrizio. From a short goal kick he twisted and turned under pressure from McDonagh before falling over and leaving Joe Cairney to score.

Three minutes later from a long ball played out of defence Anderson and McDonagh caught the City defence flat and broke from the halfway, Anderson slammed it into the net.



Craig Mackenzie

Man of the match:
DRAGO DEANKOVIC
(Melb. Croatia)

but House kept his head, slotting the ball wide of McDonagh and inside the far post.

That says it all about Juve's display here.

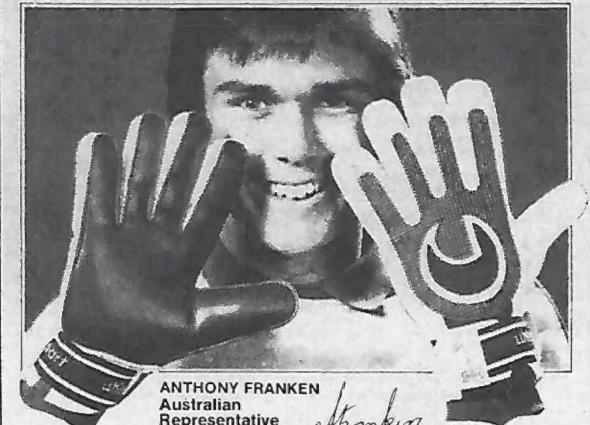
Croatia opened the scoring in the 54th minute. Cumming's corner to the far post was headed into the bar by Shaun Parton and Deankovic thumped home the rebound.

Six minutes later, a stunning turn out to be an easy win for Croatia.

If only Juventus was a bit more direct . . .

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LOU DENYS IN BRILLIANT TOUCH... But Gully can't stop Egan



• SM-Hellas goalkeeper Peter Laumets soars above, from left: David Smallman, Angie Postecoglou, Bobby Russell, Steve Blair (obscured), Claude Lucchesi and Kevin Lloyd.

6400 treated to six-goal thriller

Sy. Croatia 3 Marconi 3

Scorers: Croatia: Arnold 15th & 30th, Rezo 90th; Marc: Calderon 33rd, Jankovics 69th & 82nd.
At King Tomislav Park
Crowd: 6452
Cautions: Calderon (M), Mason (M), Henderson (M), A. Kovacic (C).

Referee: P. Rampley 6

Colorful pre-match entertainment plus a visit from the Federal Minister for Sport and Tourism, John Brown set the stage for Croatia's first home game of the 1985 season.

Most of the first half belonged to Croatia.

In the 13th and 21st minutes Jimmy Patikas, with pace to burn, carved through the bewildered Marconi defence only to wildly blast his shots into the crowd.

Croatia's quick breaks worried the Marconi defenders who seemed slow to react and were easily beaten on the flanks.

On the quarter hour Croatia's winger Zeljko Jurin intercepted a poor pass near the touch line in Marconi's half and sped goalward hotly pursued by fullback Paul Carter. The defender's challenge on the winger in the penalty area brought them both tumbling down and referee Peter Rampley awarded a spotkick.

Keeper Bruce James brilliantly parried Marijan Kovacic's drive but was helpless to stop Graham Arnold from putting away the rebound.

Croatia continued to keep control by effectively



Mick Mikolajczyk

playing the offside trap and utilised long balls to Patikas, Jurin and Saver to get behind the Marconi defence.

Although Marconi coach Les Schneifling made a tactical change in the 29th minute by bringing on Geoff Gunning to mark Jimmy Patikas, Croatia went further ahead a minute later. Wally Saver cleverly eluded his marker Joe Rizzotto, found Graham Arnold unmarked and the big striker made no mistake from eight metres.

Just when the home side was beginning to look confident Marconi hit back with a simple goal from a set piece after 33 minutes.

Peter Tredinnick's free-kick was flicked on by David Lowe to Steve Calderon who belted the ball in from point blank range.

Five minutes before the break Croatia should have been awarded another penalty through a bizarre refereeing decision.

As referee Rampley was about to caution stopper Steve Calderon, Croatia quickly took the free kick and caught the Marconi defence flat-footed as they waited for the "Booking".

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Man of the match: MARK JANKOVICS (Marconi)

Amazingly play was allowed to go on. Jurin was flattened in the area and the referee catching up with the play awarded a goal kick after overruling his linesman's signal.

By the 69th minute Marconi was on level terms. Lowe broke the offside trap and set off towards the goal. Mark Jankovics made good ground in support, took the inside pass and expertly rounded keeper Gary Woodhouse to slot the ball in.

Marconi's dominance in midfield grew and with Jankovics foraging tirelessly up front, they threatened to take the lead. Fittingly then, it was Jankovics in the 82nd minute who appeared out of nowhere to plant a loose ball wide of the despairing keeper Gary Woodhouse in whatever he did.

The only Green Gully midfielder able to match them was David Smallman. The others spent most of their time worrying about their opponents, without contributing anything going forward. In fact, strikers Claude Lucchesi and Paul Lewis had virtually no support at all.

Hellas came into this match as the Australian champion, having beaten Sydney Olympic 2-1 in both legs of the national final last year, while Green Gully had finished only ninth in the Southern Division of its NSW State League. Green Gully previously had won three Victorian State League championships: two Buckley Cups, three Ampol Cups and one State League Cup in a glorious five-year period.

Hellas fielded a team unchanged since its 0-1 loss to Macedonia in the National Cup. As it was, Croatia deservedly grabbed a dramatic equalizer in stoppage time through substitute Dave Rezzo who slammed in a loose ball in the goalmouth scrum.

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Man of the match: CHARLIE EGAN (SM-Hellas)

**SM Hellas 3
G.Gully 2**

Scorers: 1-0 Egan 19th, 1-1 Lewis 38th, 1-2 Lewis 59th, 2-2 Egan 63rd, 3-2 Brown 85th.
Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: about 3000.
Cautions: Egan (SM), Murray (CG), Vassallo (GG).
Referee: Jim Fearn 9.

Everything was right for a Green Gully victory. Hellas had won only once in six previous matches whereas Green Gully was unbeaten over the same period. What's more, Green Gully striker Paul Lewis had been in devastating form, scoring nine goals over those six games.

But Green Gully was foiled by little Charlie Egan.

Despite the 30-plus heat and the resolute marking of Steve McLelland, Egan used all his speed, and boundless energy to carve up the Green Gully defence, score two goals and force a penalty from which Doug Brown scored the winner five minutes from the end.

Egan was full of praise after the game for Green Gully keeper Lou Denys. "He was brilliant," Egan said. "And he's probably the most underrated goalkeeper in Australia."

Green Gully sweeper Robert Krajacic, the former Heidelberg player standing in for Stuart Cannell who was out suspended, had no argument with the penalty awarded against him. "I raised my arm and my leg as the ball came towards me from Egan's header and although it wasn't intentional, my arm did make contact with the ball," he said.

Hellas was much improved in midfield, although Oscar Crino is yet to strike his best form after that long lay-off due to injury. It won't be long though before he reaches the level of his henmen, Gary McDowell, Carl Halford and Ken Murphy.

Halford was moved back into the middle, with McDowell this time playing wide on the right. Although it's an unaccustomed position for him, he did well there, while Halford was meticulous neat in whatever he did.

The only Green Gully midfielder able to match them was David Smallman. The others spent most of their time worrying about their opponents, without contributing anything going forward. In fact, strikers Claude Lucchesi and Paul Lewis had virtually no support at all.

Hellas came into this match as the Australian champion, having beaten Sydney Olympic 2-1 in both legs of the national final last year, while Green Gully had finished only ninth in the Southern Division of its NSW State League. Green Gully previously had won three Victorian State League championships: two Buckley Cups, three Ampol Cups and one State League Cup in a glorious five-year period.

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whereas Green Gully made three changes, bringing in McLelland, Willie Vassallo and Krajacic for Andrew Young (virus), Cannell (suspended) and Andy McKenna.

Green Gully's aim was to counter Hellas' strengths. Jim Murray marked Brown, McLelland took on Egan, and Krajacic played sweeper. In midfield, Vassallo tried unsuccessfully to tag Murphy and Jim Williams similarly had little effect on McDowell.

Dynes made two brilliant saves in the first 14 minutes, stopped a shot from Brown one-handed, and fisting away a powerful drive from Egan.

But when McDowell flicked the ball on with his head in the 19th minute, Denys was helpless against Egan who got to the ball in front of him, turned and angled a shot off the far post, into the net for the first goal.

Ken Smart probably wasted a scoring chance for Green Gully in the 26th minute, when he ran himself into trouble through the middle, whereas he should have slipped a pass to unmarked Lucchesi on his right.

And when Smallman headed the ball down to Lewis — courtesy of a deflection off Halford — the result was that shot which crashed against the crossbar.

Dynes pounced again to turn a low angled shot from Crino for a corner, before Lewis equalised in the 38th minute. Kevin Lloyd's shot was blocked, it rebounded to Lucchesi and Lucchesi squared it to the far post for Lewis, unmarked, to tap it in.

McLelland foiled Egan who was running onto a great diagonal forward pass from Murphy in the 43rd minute, and as the first half drew to a close, Denys reacted brilliantly once more by saving Halford's powerful drive from outside the area.

Two minutes after the break, Denys made an unconvincing one-handed save to prevent Steve Blaik heading on goal, just under the bar. Having withstood all that pressure, Green Gully replied in the best possible way — with a goal. From a corner by Williams, Smallman headed the ball down and Lewis scored with a header just inside the post.

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Tom English all class!



Peter Windsor

Inter Monaro O Canberra 3

Scorers: English, Sermanni, Perinovic
Venue: Seiffert Oval
Cautions: Burke, Brennen
Referee: Tim Davies 8.

A dream debut by English import Tommy English paved the way for a deserved, but hard-fought 3-1 Canberra victory over Monaro.

It was a thrilling inaugural match for Canberra and Queanbeyan soccer fans.

English, just 23, and still

overcoming Jetlag and the climate after arriving only 72 hours before the game, scored once — and laid on the game's final goal just four minutes before the end.

English played 66 times for Coventry between 1981 and 1983 and scored 17 goals. He then played 44 times for Leicester.

The difference between the two sides? Simply Canberra's greater experience in NSW football and Monaro's continuing team-building efforts.

"Full marks to Monaro for fighting all the way," said Canberra's coach Roy Thompson. "They never gave up."

But once they allowed us to settle there could be only one result."

That summed it up perfectly. In fact it was Monaro which looked the classier side in the first 15 minutes. Up-front it was particularly determined and front-runner Baz Giampaolo was in superb form.

Giampaolo was easily Monaro's best. A side-footed pass from Giampaolo after just eight minutes deserved better, although Tony Brennan's first-time ground shot went only a foot or so wide of the post.

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Man of the Match: STEVE BRYANT (Canberra)

Peter Windsor

— and brought deserved applause from all sections of the crowd.

But the goal that really sealed the game and swung play very much Canberra's way came just five minutes after the re-start.

Canberra had won a free kick just outside the penalty area. Sydney referee, Tim Davies, who had an excellent game, whistled quickly and with Monaro still marshalling its wall, Sermanni's quickly taken free kick found the net. Hocking had positioned himself on the near post but with the wall incomplete, Sermanni was able to slot the ball into the wide open spaces of the far corner.

From then on Canberra was able to win most of the balls that counted.

Yet full marks to Monaro. It continued to fight and with perhaps a little more luck could have opened its NSW account.

Just two minutes after Sermanni's goal, Giampaolo out-jumped the young goalkeeper to drop the ball. Giampaolo's boot was searching for the bouncing ball when full back Jim Harkins cleared only a mere from the goal-line.

In the 67th minute midfielder Billy Willow, whose work-rate was impressive, also had a chance but his 20-metre shot flashed just wide of the mark.

With just four minutes left, Steve Bryant sent English away with a long ball. English, on the left flank, was being closed down but he kept his cool and floated over a superb cross. It cut across and picked out Perinovic beautifully with Perinovic placing his header into the roof of the net.

JUNIOR BEST

• Full back Junior, now playing for Torino in Italy, is Brazil's 1984 Footballer of the Year.

• Luis Del Sol, a member of Real Madrid's famed 1980 European Champions' Cup winning side, who later went on to serve Juventus and AS Roma in Italy, has died following a heart attack. He was 49.

• The Belgian federation has announced that all players suspended in the bribery scandal involving Standard Liege and Watermaal will never again be considered for national team duty.

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Here comes flying Frank Farina

By PETER SCOTT

Flying Socceroo Frank Farina is set to become even better and faster than he was last year.

This is the sobering message the brilliant 20-year-old prospect has for distraught defenders around the National Soccer League — and World Cup opponents as far away as Auckland, Glasgow, Tel Aviv and Madrid.

With his eyes firmly set on gaining a permanent spot in Frank Arok's national team, Farina refuses to be the slightest bit defensive about joining Sydney City Hakoah, however much sections of the soccer community may have disliked the move.

"I moved from Canberra so that I could improve and for that Sydney is the place to be," he said, adding that once he decided on leaving the national capital, Sydney City Hakoah was "the only team for me."

"I shifted so that I could go up, not sideways or down a step."

Farina explained that his new, two-year contract with Hakoah involves a clause similar to the one which restricted Canberra to demanding a transfer fee no greater than \$8000, making him surely the biggest bargain in soccer for years. However, he coyly confides that the maximum amount is somewhat higher than that which Hakoah had to fork out. Oh well, inflation and all that...

Now in full training, having returned from an off-season stint with English Second Division Portsmouth, Farina is bubbling over with enthusiasm about his new club.

"It is a marvellous team, with a great squad of players providing intense competition for every spot on match days. No one is assured of a place, which is the only way to improve and maintain motivation."

"At Hakoah as a striker I receive brilliant support on the field, the best I have ever seen in Australian soccer — while off the pitch there is an amazing club spirit."



Frank Farina surges past an opponent — something we may see a lot more of this season.

Coach Eddie Thomson, the shrewd Scotsman who has led the boys in blue and white to an unparalleled string of successes in recent years also gets his share of praise. "Training sessions are relaxed, enjoyable affairs, as they never are repetitive."

Perhaps it was this obvious respect which led Farina to get Thomson on the telephone at the end of last season. "I knew that Hakoah had a good

look at me the year before, so I rang Eddie and wanted to know if he was still interested."

He obviously was ... so the youngster whose competitive soccer began with a batch of pre-teen toddlers in Port Macquarie and continued in tropical North Queensland until 1981, finally dons the shirt of the club he has admired most in Australia.

In between, he spent 1982

with the Australian Institute of Sport squad, switched to the NSL and Canberra City halfway through the following year and made a lasting impression as one of the most promising stars at the World Youth Cup in Mexico. And Socceroo glory is still his main aim, but when asked about his chances he is non-committal.

"Frank Arok is not a coach

who lets on what goes through his mind, but I know I can do

the job for him. I want to play in a World Cup Final tournament for Australia."

As for looking beyond the Cup campaign: "I want to try playing overseas again."

"Portsmouth is an excellent club, with good support, plenty of financial backing and a full time career. English football is an attractive proposition."

"I feel I have the skills and dedication to enable me to make it over there," Farina maintains.

Those skills will be seen alongside Socceroo skipper John Kosmina this year, in what may become soccer's most deadly duo.

"There isn't another player who does as much for Australian soccer as 'Kossie'. He receives a lot of stick from the crowds, but it only proves that he is our opponents' main worry and he does score an awful lot of goals."

Away from soccer, Farina has ambitions of getting into the public relations world, but, in the meantime, he is enjoying life sharing a flat with team mate Jean Paul de Marigny at Bondi.

"It is excellent, we live right on the beach and it sure is a change from Canberra, where it was a struggle even to find the local pool."

And, just in case fans of this fleet-footed Socceroo are interested in details of his personal life and preferences, Farina swims at South Bondi.

You know, the end of the beach where the ladies wear very little, or even less. No wonder Canberra couldn't keep him.

TWO MEN

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Goalkeepers are different. Really different. Some say they're mad.

They're the butt of lots of jokes, they play hero and villain in the one game, they wear a different colored strip to the rest of the team, funny gloves and sometimes, strange looking caps. They can do crazy things like running out of their penalty area and dribbling past opponents.

Maybe they are mad!

"I wouldn't go as far as that. Just say that there's a questionable quality there," said South Melbourne Hellas goalie Peter Laumets.

"There's no way that a goalkeeper can be a straight man. Take one of your training nights for example. It's pouring down, there's a big puddle in front of you and 15 guys with a ball each are taking great pleasure in placing their shots so that you land right in the middle of the puddle. You're really going for it, hammer and tongs, sweating and getting fit, while the 15 guys are in stitches watching you."

Peter Laumets would have gone on the Socceroo world tour late last year if not for a shoulder injury suffered in training for the World Series games. Maybe he wonders about that too.

"Getting that injury was just like being dropped. I blew my chances of getting back into the Australian side and Hellas went out and bought Gary Clayton from Juventus. It makes you sit up and wonder if this is the end of the line for you. It changes your thinking a lot. After all, you can't throw yourself around as much once you've had a serious shoulder injury."

"Frank Arok told me that since I got fit again I'd be recalled but it never came about. Okay, I played for Australia in a practice game down in Tasmania but that was more of a token gesture than anything else."

"I feel that I still can provide something to the national team as one of three keepers along with Terry Greedy, Tony Franken or Tony Pazzano, but who knows what's going to happen?"

Laumets has made two appearances for Australia — against Greece in 1978 and that game against Tasmania.

"Some people say that the press is very influential, in picking representative sides and if that's the case then Irown upon it. I'm not wrapped in the press and to tell you the truth I rarely buy 'Soccer Action' because unless you're a showman doing all the spectacular stuff you don't get an eight or nine rating."

"People are far too ready to believe what they read in the press and the press seems to dictate to people what they should or shouldn't do. I don't like that."

He doesn't have a high opinion of the quality of match reporting throughout the soccer press.

"Journalists have a limited knowledge of what they're seeing. A lot of the things we do at Hellas go unnoticed by the majority of journalists. It even took me a while to pick up what we were about."

Hellas didn't play well in the Buffalo Gold Cup and went down 1-0 to Preston, Makedonia, Laumets' old team, in the first round of the National Cup.

"After that game against Preston some of us (the Hellas players) went back to Dougie Brown's place for a few drinks and we talked about the game. Some of the lads were of the opinion that

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Laumets was born and raised in Australia's City of Juniors when he was 15

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In eight official matches before the first round of the NSL at the weekend, Heidelberg Alexander had won seven, drawn one, lost none and amasced a goals tally of 18:5.

Meanwhile, he will turn talents towards Heidelberg title.

Is there a particular standing form so far?

"I signed a new contract season training, whereas I only one Buffalo Cup game negotiating. I worked quite and being settled so early with my form."

Heidelberg doesn't have a coach, but Olver has over the years from the we has given him. Relativ w game opened in the 1974 I played for Heidelberg and a few times recently to his paces. Olver trains w nights a week and one nig with his father, Ernie, w George Cross in the 50

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"Last year, we had only with an extra talkin we should be in the leag

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defences in the league. Ian underated full back in Au at defending and going for he should be in the national full back, Steve Marley, i back in Scotland so obvious what."

Olver started as a nine Sunshine Heights juniors, Rovers from 15 to 18 and in junior age groups before as Yakkab Banovic's unders

Goals galore for Lucchesi, Lewis?

Claude Lucchesi joined Green Gully after unsuccessfully negotiating with Juventus, Footscray J.U.S.T. and Fawkner.

Lucchesi, 28, is the first of Makedonia's transfer-listed players to find a new club. The others are Zarko Odzakov, George Campbell and Ljubo Petrovski.

He scored 31 NSL league and Cup goals in his six seasons with Makedonia.

At Green Gully, he links up in attack with Paul Lewis, one of the most deadly strikers in Australia.

"We'll score a heap of goals between us," Lucchesi said.

First, however, he intends to work hard on getting fit, as he hasn't played a match this year, and has been training only with Makedonia's youth squad.

Lucchesi started with the Wanderers City Juniors and played one year of senior soccer there before going to Juventus. He and his older brother John were team mates at both clubs, but John went on to play for Slavia, Morell Falcons, and now Nunawading United.

While with Juventus, Claude was chosen in the Victorian State squad for a match against Bologna, without actually getting a run, and last year was included in Frank

Arok's preliminary national squad, before it was reduced in numbers.

Lucchesi left Juventus in 1979 because he intended to get into the National League.

"It was hard to break into at the start, because NSL clubs were signing imports and national squad, and I figured if I joined a progressive club like Makedonia, it probably would be promoted to the NSL eventually, and me along with it," he says.

He didn't think Juventus would make it.

"There was too much instability at Juventus, and as a result the club lost some top-class youngsters like the brothers Ossie, Cris, Eddie Kracevic and Branko Culic, as well as established stars like Billy Vojtek and Mick Watkins."

"It's changed now, however. The club has some top-flight businessmen in its administration and they're also recruited well. Juventus will do well this year, which is great for the Italian community."

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Alan Contini

Yet on August 15, the club suspended the player, following claims by the president, Ali Zahra, that Contini's request for the wage assurance had been "blackmail."

The suspension was lifted on October 14.

Contini's claim that his suspension was neither authorised nor based on reasonable grounds, was upheld by the tribunal.

He said this week that he was unfair to the club as he had given loyal service to the club for 15 years. He played his first State League game in 1976.

Meanwhile, Footscray J.U.S.T. has expressed interest in signing Contini.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Alan Contini's long wrangle with Sunshine-George Cross continued when a NSL appeals tribunal lowered his transfer fee from \$2000 to \$1500 — but he's still waiting for money the club owes him.

Goalkeeper Contini first went to the tribunal late last year over what he claimed was an illegal suspension by the club.

As a result, the tribunal ruled the club was to pay him \$1874 in wages owed to him during the period of suspension.

In a submission to the tribunal, Contini said he had not been selected to play in the senior team on August 12, 1984, but on that morning of that day, he was asked to play after all. Before going onto the field, he requested an assurance that he would be paid the basic wage until the end of the season. The submission said he was given the assurance in the presence of two witnesses and played on that day.

Big opportunities await Olver and the other Socceroos in two international series in May and June-July, and in the World Cup qualifying matches in September and October. Contini is expected to include Udinese, Tottenham, Sparta, Arsenal, Olympiakos and perhaps Fiorentina — but nothing's at all definite.

Olver, like most players, regards World Cup involvement as the pinnacle of achievement and hopes to be given the chance to play. His employers have been co-operative in the past, so he's confident of getting the necessary time off from work with the RACV.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

REILLY HELPED MAKE GREAT....

Laumets blasts soccer press

Laumets joined Makedonia, then in the Victorian State League, in 1976 and 1979, figured in one of the biggest goalkeeper transfers in Victorian soccer when he joined Hellas for \$15,000.

There, he renewed his "apprenticeship" under Reilly.

"Dave MacLaren was coaching Hellas then. He did most of the talking but Jack did most of the work when it came to training goalkeepers. Jack's had a big, big influence on me. I guess I'm a bit of a masochist when it comes to training because I enjoy working hard and I get a lot of satisfaction from training with Jack.

"Since he's been gone (Reilly stopped working with Hellas as a specialist coach last year) I've had to rely on my own motivation. You sometimes find yourself conducting your own session and sometimes it's not as intense as you'd like it to be but I told Lennie that I could carry it through.

"Let's face it. Goalkeepers often are the last people a coach thinks about, which is understandable, because the coach has got his hands full looking after his outfield players. And the way Lennie works, the ball shouldn't even get to me in a game."

Laumets didn't have an enjoyable introduction to NSL soccer at Hellas. MacLaren was sacked eight games into the 1979 season and his replacement, Duncan Mackay, preferred John Hansen to

(Hellas coach) knows that our success last year was a combination and our ability well. Len asked me after away and question ourselves we're a bit hungover players up for renewal of contributing factors, and our displays so far, last weekend and we're in our next games so it's up. We've done a lot of ability to contribute you it was. Once you believe in it, it's kind of like and you pull through this year, I'm sure of it."

Heudersfield in England 1960. He played with made his senior debut t met Jack Reilly. I remember him and after just 20

days he dropped me for seven games. I really opened

my eyes. You can't take things for granted, that's for sure. Lennie always talks about that. He says that once you take the game for granted it has a way of kicking you in the teeth. That's so true. It's the old enemy again — a poor attitude. You've got to guard against it constantly."

When Rale Rasic took over as Hellas coach late in 1982, Laumets faced a crisis which was resolved thanks to Reilly.

"Rasic was just a name to me. I respected him a lot for what he'd done for Australia in 1974 but I didn't know anything else about him.

"He bought Doug Brown, Bobby Russell, John Yzendorn, Ken Murphy and Oscar Crino and sure, they were great signings, but I didn't get carried away by all the hype and the excitement we'd had in the championship. When I joined Hellas in 1979 we had Stuart Baxter, Frank Munro, Alan Evans and Kenny Drakeford in the side. They all were class players but we still went down the tube. I just waited to see what would happen under Rasic.

"Jack told me that Rasic wanted to buy Greg Woodhouse but Jack intervened and said that there was no point because I could do the job. In the end things didn't work out for Rasic and Lennie took over.

"He (McKendry) has got to be the best coach I've played under. When I first joined Hellas I was more of a reaction keeper. In a national sense has improved since then. Under Len, I'm like an outfield player. I have a lot more control over our back four than I've ever had, even our defensive midfielder, Carl Hartford is in earshot and I talk a lot to these players.

"Goalkeeping is 85 percent natural ability. If you don't look the part then forget it. I mean, I never became a goalkeeper because I was clumsy. Quite the contrary. I found it came naturally to me to do things a goalkeeper has to do and that's why I stuck at it.

"But goalkeeping training is at a standstill. There's been no new techniques or methods introduced for a while and that's a worry. There's been much more advancement in training techniques for outfield players."

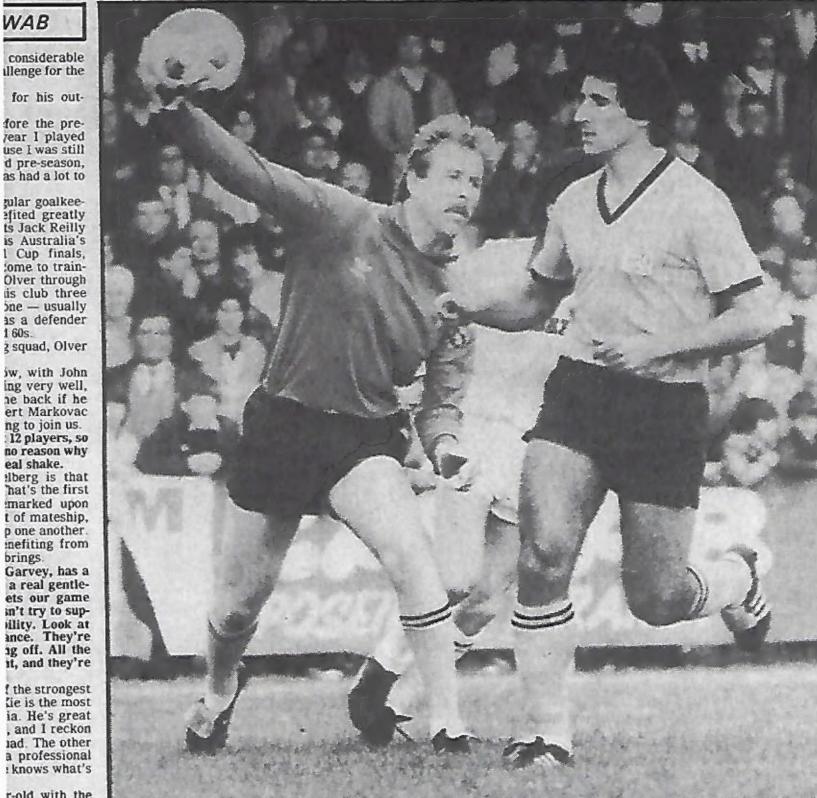
Finally, a few words about Laumets' aspirations:

"I had great aims once. I've still got things I want to achieve but I'm much more realistic now. I'm number one at Hellas, no danger, so let's look one step further. Victoria hasn't played for a while but I still want to play for the Vics when a big game comes along. As for the national team, sure, I'd jump at the chance, who wouldn't? But when was the last time Mr Arok came to Melbourne just to look at prospective national team players?"



Peter Laumets yells instructions to the Hellas defenders — a part of his game which has improved greatly.

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Jeff Olver, preparing to throw the ball, and Charlie Yankos — both tip a Heidelberg title in 1985.

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Mr Cool goes for stability at Juve

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Juventus, like SM-Hellas, won only one of its first six games of the season — against Sunshine-George Cross 3-2 in the Buffalo Gold Cup. It was beaten three times — by Heidelberg-Alexander, Footscray J.U.S.T., and Melbourne Croatia, and drew with Fawkner and Morwell Falcons 1-1.

The club sacked its coach, Tommy Traynor, after the first three games — against Fawkner, Heidelberg and Morwell Falcons. More precisely, it ordered him to resign!

That always will rank as one of the greatest injustices done to a coach in Australian soccer.

Now John Margaritis, who worked wonders with Juventus last year, is back. But in three games under him before last weekend, the team had lost twice, so is he too due for the sack?

Three games is probably too long to persevere with the one coach. We suggest to Juventus that it hires its coaches on a weekly basis.

A one-week contract wouldn't be hard to honor, and because you'd need say, 15 or 20 of them during the year, you'd be contributing towards full employment by providing work for more solicitors.

Seriously, though, folks, how does Margaritis feel about being in such a shaky seat? How does he cope when committee and supporters appear to believe that Juventus must win the championship because it has bought Yakkia Banovic, Paul Wade and Peter Lewis?

Margaritis, as ever, plays it cool.

"Juventus is building a good, solid team that will last for a long time and such a building process takes perhaps three years. We are not saying we'll win the championship this year. We want to be at least as strong as last year, and anything above that will be a pleasant bonus."

"But I can't stress strongly enough that our main concern is to get back the sort of stability that once made Juventus the strongest club in Victoria. Between 1952 and 1956, Juventus won five straight championships, and it

Margaritis stressed that Juventus, like Croatia and Polonia, was trying to establish its own home ground, while also building a team that will achieve long-term success.



John Margaritis

is only through hard work and patience that we will make Juventus great again."

About Juventus's poor early-season results, Margaritis said: "Football players are like racehorses. They need time to build form. A coach in Greece said to me you're crazy if you think it's important to win all your pre-season games, because if you do, then when will you correct your mistakes?"

"Good teams shouldn't worry too much about pre-season results, especially in matches of 35-minute halves. Players are just back from holidays, they are not fully fit, and they are impatient because they all want to kick the ball, which means team discipline isn't always what it should be."

But he did blast his players for their poor showing in the National Cup loss to Croatia. "I've never seen Juventus play as badly as they did in the second half," Margaritis said. "We all pushed forward like amateurs and allowed them to hit us in counter-attacks. That attitude will change, believe me!"

Margaritis said it was nonsensical of the Press to describe Juventus as one of the favorites for the league championship following the purchase of Wade and Lewis. "Two players do not make a champion team overnight, and the Press must remember that most of the team has had only one year of National League experience."

That's not to say, of course, that Margaritis doesn't want the championship. It is every coach's dream to land the big one. And to this end, he is experimenting with a permutation in attack, where Andrew Zinni has moved inside to play central striker alongside Joe Sweeney.

"Now we're trying Zinni there. As everyone knows, he has all the potential in the world and he's very quick. If that combination doesn't work, we'll have to try another one. Robert Cullen can play there, and so can Joe Palatsidis who we've bought from Port Melbourne. But apart from working on scoring goals, we've also got to make sure that we don't silly things in defence."

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Bulldust OK for pretzels and gum, but not soccer

Forgive me if I don't act too surprised at the looming demise of the North American Soccer League.

The NASL, once the centerpiece of surely one of the boldest experiments in the history of corporate business, appears bankrupt. And that's less than a decade after it looked to be roaring toward phenomenal success, when players of the calibre of Pele, Beckenbauer, Best and Cruyff were affordable and when the windowpiece of the exercise, the New York Cosmos, averaged crowds above 50,000.

Now the Cosmos can rustle up only about 4,000 a game, not something that would show up well in the main sheet of an NSL club, much less in a real whopper, roll if profits are not made.

Some of us in Australia will be saddened by it all, believing that because we, too, are a developing soccer country, there is some parallel and the American failure is some sort of omen for us.

Of course there is very little parallel between the super-ambitious American, double-or-nothing, experiment and our more innocent, if less expert, attempt at popularising the game in this country.

We are simply soccer people with a vestigial love for a game we were brought up on in the old country. We try to sell the game not by marketing convivence but by the naive faith we have in the game's conquering qualities.

That's very different to the type, the cosmetics and the megabucks the Americans have invested in their soccer revolutions.

And the Americans tried everything: Pele, daring enterprise, super stadiums,

That's why professional businessmen, who know only business but not the game's intrinsic values, have never been able to sell it successfully either here or in America.

But simply, while promotion is

beneficial in making people aware of soccer's existence, once tasted soccer has to be good enough to sell itself, for nothing else on God's earth will sell it.



LES MURRAY

gentleman's future has been rattled somewhat as a result of his ill-fated stay at Barcelona, the improvement that 'Barcelona' underwent without him, and the painfully slow start he has had at Napoli.

But his exploits in Napoli's recent match against Lazio (seen on SBS-TV's World Soccer last weekend) have again given me cocky confidence.

If you didn't see it you won't know what I mean. Suffice to say that nobody, yes nobody, in today's world football is capable of such things by sheer instinct.

Maradona's problem, thus far, has been mismanagement and the yearn for the quick buck by those around him and perhaps even himself.

Setting first in Spain, where he was always going to be butchered and was never going to be protected by the weakened referees, and then in Naples, where apart from compatriot Daniel Bertoni, he has no one to play with, were both unwise moves.

Sure he makes more money than Michael Platini — but think, if we were playing for a team like Juventus.

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Diego Maradona

nents one way only; match fit."

Sure. But what's it all mean?

Well there are graphic explanations in a new book dealing with sports injuries. I should think an essential piece of equipment for any player whose livelihood might be threatened by injury.

Simply titled "Sports Injuries — A Unique Guide to Self-diagnosis and Rehabilitation" (Breslach & Foss, \$8.95), the medical advice in the book is by Dr Malcolm Read, a former Olympic competitor and now Official Medical Advisor to the British Olympic Association.

Perfect for players particularly paranoid about getting injured, or even those who insist on being fit when really they're not, the paperback covers everything from how to avoid getting injured in the first place to a sport by sport guide to technical injuries and how to recover from them.

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Bringing the world back home

The first main round of the 1985 Dockey Cup kicks off on Saturday and the brave bids of Latrobe Valley side Fortuna and Lecco from the Industrial League to advance in the competition should come to an abrupt halt.

The VSF announced last week that Ricoh Australia Pty. Ltd is sponsoring the Dockey Cup to the tune of \$10,000 and Melbourne's NSL clubs will enter the competition for the third main round, to be held late in the season. Fortuna takes on Northcote

Now it's the Ricoh Dockey Cup

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

at John Cain Reserve on Saturday in the second game of a double header while Lecco squares up to North Dandenong in the first game. St Kilda's double header at Montague Reserve.

Cup holder Fawkner seems assured of a passage into the second main round. It meets Holland Park at Smith Reserve in the second game there and, with Andrew Heap and Bruno Cozzella up front, there will be too much fire power for the Victorian Fourth Division side.

Paddy Bannon's Melbourne kicks off proceedings at John Cain Reserve when it tangles with Geelong at 1.30 pm. Melbourne's re-signed striker Danny Ward last week for Green Gully and J U.S.T. had shown interest in him and completed the signature of stopper Vlado Drinovszky from Prahran. Slavko Drinovszky will line up alongside Bannon at the heart of Melbourne's defence while experienced campaigners Gerry Edmundson and Tony Heery, who

joined Melbourne this year from Doveton and Prahran Celtic respectively, should power their side to victory.

Wembley Park is the setting for the double header featuring Knox v East Brunswick and Box Hill v Yallourn. The State League sides look too strong here.

St Albans Dinamo should beat Mornington in the first game at Smith Reserve but not before the Second Division champion worries the life out of its State League foe.

With Ted Stenson and George Beattie in its line-up, Western Suburbs' dismal Buf-

ton League Cup showing will seem light years away. Suburbs look far too accomplished for Bell Park in the first game at Selwyn Park.

The second match at Selwyn, between Morwell Falcons and Albion Rovers, should go Falcons way. Falcons have shown intent in signing transfer listed Juventino Sutton.

Mike Lynn isn't going to like this, but my money's on Doveton to beat Lynn's Sunbury at Ross Reserve on Saturday.

Paul Priestley and Peter Kelley should make a world of difference to the Doves up

front, which will be important, for Paul Beranic and Ron Kremers, Sunbury's recent signings from Green Gully, both had NSL experience and give little away at the back.

The second match at Ross Reserve, between Springvale City and Altona Gate looms as a convincing win to the State League side.

Saturday's matches, with first games kicking off at 1.30 pm and likely winners in captions.

At John Cain Reserve: MELBOURNE v Geelong, NORTHCOTE v Fortuna.

At Wembley Park: KNOX CITY v EAST Brunswick, BOX HILL v Yallourn.

At Monterey Reserve: NORTH DEDENONG v Lecco Holdings, FRANKSTON PINES v South Oakleigh.

At Smith Reserve: ST ALBANS DINAMO v Mornington, FAWKNER v Holland Park.

At Selwyn Park: WESTERN SUBURBS v Bell Park, MORWELL FALCONS v Albion Rovers.

At Ross Reserve: DOVE- LION v Sunbury, SPRING- VALLEY CITY v Altona Gate.

At Partridge Reserve: Broadmeadows v POLONIA, THOMASTOWN v Corio.

At Croydon Park: RING- WOOD WILHELMINA v Lang- warin, CROYDON v Bulten.

FIFA lifts ban on Ethiopians

FIFA last week lifted its ban on Ringwood Wilhelmina's Ethiopian players — Sisay Kebede, Lemma Kibret and brothers Ermiyas and Solomon Wondimu.

The four will be allowed to register as amateurs from May 1 this year.

All four were found to have registered with the VSF last year without gaining international clearances from Ethiopia.

They are Ethiopian refugees and the Ethiopian federation refused to clear them, giving FIFA no option but to suspend them for one year.

Croydon's Cup again, French top scorer

CROYDON 3 (French penalty 35th, penalty 60th, Taylor 57th) FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Dick 20th). Buffalo League Final at Ross Reserve, Sunday. Referee: Voutsinas 6.

CROYDON: Whitedale 7 — Brown 8, O'Reilly 8, Singleton 7 (Bates 75th), Tansey 9 — McDonald 7 (Olerton 78th), Brewerton (inj. Kerr 19th), Taylor 7, Livingstone 8 — Brogan 8, French 8. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

FRANKSTON PINES: Ivanoff 8 — Thurlow 6, Cullen 7, Taylor 7 (Williamson 120th), Thomas 7 — Dick 7, Cummings 6, Rust 5 (Armstrong 55th), French 8. Coach: Danny McMinimee.

Croydon won its second Buffalo League Cup and Graham French was the leading scorer in the competition.

Croydon first won the Buffalo League Cup in 1983, when it defeated South Melbourne Helias 1-0 at Middle Park with a goal in the 90th minute by striker Peter Loughnane, who since has returned to England.

His brother, Ian, is transferred to Croydon and after failing to complete negotiations with Melbourne Croatia last week, could find himself involved in a swap for Frank-

ston Pines defender Steve Beech.

If Loughnane goes to Pines then it's more than likely that Steve Beech will join us. We'll certainly need him because you've got to defend when your squad face injuries and substitutions take their toll," said Croydon player-coach Peter Ollerton after the final.

And Loughnane, with over 50 State League and cup goals to his credit, would be more than welcome at Pines which could do with another top flight striker alongside Alix Dick, whose six goals in Buffalo League Cup made him the competition's second highest scorer.

Pines found chances few and far between in this final and Croydon's left back, the ageless Jim Tansey, was the man of the match.

But Croydon's fortunes nose-dived in the 19th minute when midfielder Tom Brewerton, after tangling with Peter Thurlow, was taken off with a suspected broken arm. On came Alan Kerr but it was Pines which struck the first blow.

Jimmy Ross won the ball on the left and played it to Dick, at least and played it to Dick,

who beat two men on a diagonal then smacked a fierce shot into the top far corner for a fine goal.

Croydon hit back 10 minutes before the interval when John Cullen handled inside the area and French converted from the penalty spot.

Pines struggled to create a clear-cut chance in the second half and another penalty to Croydon, this time awarded after Dave Ferry downed Dave Brogan, again was converted by French.

Brogan chested down but shot wide in the 65th minute but a French cross in the 75th minute sealed the issue. Kenny Taylor claimed that he got the final touch, so we're awarding the goal to him.

So Croydon, after signing Bill Whitedale, Jim Tansey, Matt McDonald, Taylor, Brogan and Ollerton this season, have started with a bang. The talk around the club is that the side now can mount a serious campaign for the State League championship. Certainly, Ollerton has the quality and the depth to lead his men into the top four at least.

After an early break by Meerbank and El Hosseini it was Stead who pulled down Meerbank inside the box to give away a penalty. Meerbank took the kick but Steve Griffin made a magnificent save only to see El Hosseini pick up the rebound and score.

Meerbank came back through Lenny Viala, who took it 1-1 and although controlling proceedings during the second period, never really turned its advantage into goal-scoring situation.

Rockdale in charge, Sharks lack bite

NSW pre-season competition with ALEX VESIC

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 3 (Ferguson, Stevicki, J. Wilson) WARRINGAH NARABEEN 0 at Melita Stadium.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Blackburn — Nikolsky (J. Wilson), D. Wilson, Forester — Pappa, Slaeck, Nastevski — Gardikots, Brown, Ferguson, NARABEEN: P. Dean — Earl (Freind), A. Dean, Jones, Geekie — Parfitt, Akoutsas, Hanley, Jack — McDonnell (Gale), Va Helden, Lowe.

MELITA EAGLES 1 (Vial) BANKSTOWN NATIONAL 1 (Hosseini) at Melita Stadium.

MELITA EAGLES: Griffen — Laing, Stead, McCoy, O'Rouke — Williams, Callanan, Allan, McAusland — Walker (McKie), Vial (ME).

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL: Smith — Rajab, Penman, Ismail, Green — Darlington, Hassan (Hammoudi), Hasim (James) — Coban, Mebari, Hosseini.

MANLY WARRINGAH 2 (Campbell, A. Williamson) URUGUAYAN 0 at Cromer Park.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Conradi — Pearce (Williamson), J. Dick, Foy, S. Dick — Pagano, Steven Campbell — Stuart, Holloway, Fox (Gabriel), URUGUAYAN: Rosano — Jones, Foladash, Hastie, Krstovic — Carriço, Arelio, Parma — J. Fernandez, O'Shane, Pagano.

FAIRY MEADOW 2 (Mowbray, Baker) KU-RING-GAI 0 at Cromer Park.

FAIRY MEADOW: Krajnovic — White (Chiby), Morland, Jones, Berry — Ellem, Shearer (Bennett), Sutherland, Dene — Nile, Hunter.

POLONIA 3 (Pop 2, Sobczyk) SUTHERLAND 0 at Chipping Park.

POLONIA: Dean — A. Colluso, Vujanovic, Ross, Lasek — D. Colifuso, Sobczyk, Hallhead — Janic, Mahamah, Pop. SUTHERLAND: Dart — Cox, R. Schumann (Barrios), Dalforro, Terry — Tasker, Harrington (Duncan), Rogers — Groome, Hall, Lorant.

AVALA 2 CANTERBURY 0. No details available.

GROUP A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Avala	4	0	0	10	4	8
Melita	2	1	1	8	8	5
Manly	2	0	1	4	2	4
Bankstown	1	2	0	4	2	4
Canterbury	0	1	3	2	6	1
Uruguay	0	0	4	3	9	0

GROUP B

Polonia	3	0	0	6	2	6
Ilinden	2	1	0	5	0	5
Fairy Mead	2	0	2	5	5	4
Ku-Ring-Gai	1	2	1	1	2	4
Sutherland	0	1	2	2	5	1
Narabeen	0	0	3	0	5	0

Baker, Mowbray and Fomana were a constant threat to Ku-Ring-Gai and with a little luck the result could have been upsetting for the losers. After Genn Fomana found Mowbray with an easy cross in the 28th to put Fairy Meadow 1-0 up, Ku-Ring-Gai fell to pieces.

Five minutes after the interval Baker made it 2-0 from the edge of the box and the contest was all over.

Polonia 3 Sutherland 1. Scorsers: Groome (S), Pop 2, Sobczyk.

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Three goals for Danny Ward . . .

MELBOURNE 4 (Ward 1st, 32nd, 91st, Edmondson 75th) BALLARAT 2 (DenOuden 38th, Blackmore 72nd). Victorian League Cup at Williamstown, Saturday, Caution: Dagnell (M), Reverscroft, Colvin (B).

MELBOURNE 8, Wild 7, Drinoczyk 8, Bannon 7, Dagnell 6, Bird 6, Theodos 6, Edmondson 7, Roberts 6, Ward 9, Heery 3.

A hat-trick by Melbourne striker Danny Ward and the sending off of Ballarat's Reverscroft and Colvin highlighted this Victorian League Cup win for the home side.

Ward took just 17 seconds to open his account and Ballarat had itself pinned inside its defensive half for long periods of the first half. Tom Heery had a shot cleared off the line and along with Ward was giving the Ballarat defence plenty of problems. But Ballarat goalie Romein was in fine touch.

However, he was helpless to stop Ward in the 32nd minute who combined well with Heery

then cracked in 15 metre shot to make it 2-0.

Ballarat hit back almost immediately and Den Ouden's header capped Ballarat's best attacking move of this half.

The game evened out and just when Ballarat looked dangerous, Reverscroft was sent off. But Ballarat continued to fight back well and after Pat Bannon handled inside the Blackmore, a Blackmore score from the spot to make it 2-2.

Reverscroft was later Gerry Edmondson scored from a goalmouth scramble Colvin was sent off, reducing Ballarat to nine men and Ward completed his hat-trick one minute into time added.

CLIFTON HILL 2 (Andriots 40th, Stratakis 76th) BORONIA 0. Victorian League Cup at Yambala Reserve, Saturday.

CLIFTON HILL: Kyriios 7, Mysitis 6, Hronis 6, Karaliannis 6, Lorentz 7, Gellis 6, Pelegrinis 9, Papageorgiou 9 (Vithoulkas 87th), Petropoulos 6, Andriots 8, Stratakis 8.

• No other results were available as Soccer House was shut on Monday.

... and Ian Rush

Welsh goalscoring wizard Ian Rush grabbed a second half hat-trick last weekend as English champion Liverpool eased into the semi-final of the F.A. cup by winning 4-0 at Second Division Barnsley.

Rush — last season's top scorer in Europe — scored in the 54th, 79th and 83rd minutes with Irishman Ronnie Whelan also netting in the 71st minute.

In the 54th minute a blunder by Barnsley's goalkeeper, Clive Baker, presented Rush with a simple goal.

Baker fumbled a low right wing cross from Liverpool's Scottish ace Kenny Dalglish and as the ball dropped out from beneath his body Rush turned it into an empty net.

The second goal was equally lucky as Barnsley defenders twice gave the ball away in

dangerous positions and eventually Whelan prodded it into the net under the goalkeeper's body. The third and fourth goals were brilliantly executed by Rush again he combined with Dalglish.

In the 79th minute they opened up the Barnsley defence by exchanging passes near the edge of the home team's area and Rush drove the ball past the advancing Baker from close range.

Four-minutes later he produced a repeat finish after Dalglish skipped away from a tackle and provided the centre.

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

MAKEDONIJA ZA NIANSU BOLJA OD "PLAVIH"

SVR proci, koji su predviđeli katastrofu JUSTA i trijumf Makedonije na igralistu JUSTA proslje nedjelje, napustili su igraliste pogodno.

"Da 'plavim' izlazi neškarska sreća rezultat je mogao biti neresen, možda bi se sušet završio i pobedom 'plavih' da je vojne Carroll pogodio između preuke e 37. minuta.

Razume se, ne može se reci da pobeda Makedonije nije zaslužena, jer je ona izvela nekoliko uspješnih poteza, ali se svaka njenja igrača bila je orednja za tim, koji je najskuplji posjetio Hellasu.

JUSTU imao mnogo srećnijih igrača, ali mu nedostaju dirigenti, pa i hrabri letaca u načinu. Sada, Makedonija je tel-enovljena, ali mekana.

Uzimamo na primer Gary Cole, koji stalno pokusava, koristeci ut su snagu i visinu.

Nije ga sramota ako promasišto putu, ali eto nekak mora da pogodi cilj, po onoj narodnoj i 'korava kola nadje zrno'. Na (ne)sreću, zavisi kog je u pitanju, protiv 'plavih' ima Cole

U početku i danas Makedonija docekuje po drugi put South Melburne Hellasu na Connor Reserve u Reservoiru.

Treba je da se uvelike izkoristi i rezultata mora biti. Nešreća je to se u prva petnaest kol. JUST namerio na ceteri najjača tim. Nije prijatno izgubiti sve celir utakmice, pa makar sa temnim rezultatom, kao protiv Makedonije.

Mladi Mark Turudija možda je mogao odbraniti drugi gol, koji je postigao Gary Cole, ali zato je odbranio nekolicinu suteva, ukucajući atomski suz. Zoran Iljovskog, koji je bi odbranil daleko iskusniji gomiljan.

U predigrj je bolji tim Makedonije (sa Ozdakovom i Petrovskim) pobedio mladi tim JUST-a sa 2-0 (2-0). Streliči: Momirovski iz penala i Kolevski.

Najlepši trenutak ove utakmice bila je mala svecanost na sredini terena pred susretom timova JUST-a i Makedonije. Popularni golman Denis Boland, koji se oprostio od fudbala, kao igrac, dobio je od predsednika JUST-a zlatan rucni sat, a od kapetana 'plavih' Zdravka Lujice trofej u znak zahvalnosti za vernost klubu u najtežim casovima.

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"Plavi" malisani su u polufinalu savladali St Albans sa 2:1 (1:1) i u nedjelju 17. marta igraju protiv Green Gully Ajaša na igralištu Sunshine Heights.

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PROGRAM DRUGOG KOLA

U drugom kolu Nacionalne lige, koje se igra u nedjelju 17. marta, JUST je gost Heidelberga na Olympijskom. Villa gde igraju oba tima.

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Stefanović, Cane Bosković, Boris Srbinovski (iznet sa terena u 80. minuti bez zamene).

U predigrj rezervu Mladost: Čirva pobedila je rezervu Mladosti 3-2 (3-1). Mladost je postigla 1-0 Pandi Capaculovskog, a je prepušta inicijativu postigajući rezervu Mladosti 3-2 (3-1).

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U nedjelji 10. marta poceo je fudbalski turnir Richmond-Bosne, koji je okupio sedam kluova podeljenih u dve grupe. Postignuti su sledeći rezultati:

Central City/C. zvezda — Melbourne — Proleter 2-1 (1-0).

Streliči: Miki Cvetković i Sasa Mileniković.

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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 2

16-17 MARCH

SOUTHERN DIVISION

HEIDELBERG vs FOOTSCRAY

At OLYMPIC VILLAGE 3 pm SUNDAY 17th



Theo Selemidis

YOUTH GAME —

HEIDELBERG vs
FOOTSCRAY
12.45 pm

PRESTON vs STH MELB HELLAS

At CONNOR RESERVE 3 pm SUNDAY 17th



John Yzendoorn

YOUTH GAME —

PRESTON vs
STH MELB
HELLAS
12.45 pm

**BRUNSWICK UTD vs
GREEN GULLY**

At OLYMPIC VILLAGE No 2 Oval
3 pm SUNDAY 17th



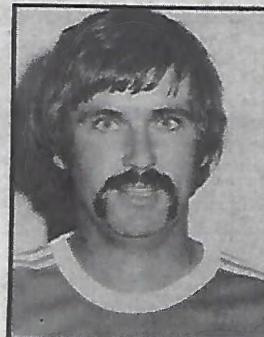
Stuart Cannell

YOUTH GAME —

BRUNSWICK
UNITED vs
GREENGULLY
12.45 pm

**SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
vs MELB CROATIA**

At CHAPLIN RESERVE 3 pm SUNDAY 17th



John Gardiner

YOUTH GAME —

SUNSHINE
GEORGE
CROSS vs
MELBOURNE
CROATIA
12.45 pm

**BRISBANE LIONS vs
WEST ADELAIDE**

At RICHLANDS 3 pm SUNDAY 17th

**ADELAIDE CITY vs
BRISBANE CITY**

At OLYMPIC SPORTS FIELD 2.30 pm
SUNDAY 17th

NORTHERN DIVISION

WOLLONGONG CITY vs SYDNEY CROATIA

At WOLLONGONG SHOWGROUNDS 3 pm SUN 17th

MARCONI vs NEWCASTLE R.U.

At MARCONI STADIUM 3 pm SUN 17th

ST GEORGE vs SYDNEY OLYMPIC

At ST GEORGE STADIUM 3 pm SUN 17th

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS vs PENRITH CITY

At HAWKER OVAL 3 pm SUN 17th

BLACKTOWN CITY vs INTER MONARO

At GABBIE STADIUM 3 pm SUN 17th

LEICHHARDT vs SYDNEY CITY

At LAMBERT PARK 3 pm SUN 17th